

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2215-01
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Subject: Department of Health to microfilm vital records 72 years or older and provide microfilm indexes to the state archives.
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	(\$222,047)	(\$242,551)	(\$118,141)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$222,047)	(\$242,551)	(\$118,141)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	(\$14,880)	(\$14,917)	(\$14,991)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Department of Health (DOH) officials state that similar legislation was introduced last year, which resulted in a lower fiscal estimate. That estimate only anticipated revenue losses for vital statistic certificate fees @ \$10.00 per copy. This was calculated by approximately 40 requests per day x 21 days per month x 12 months x \$10 per copy = \$100,800 per year loss of revenue. Because the public would not have to purchase copies if allowed to view microfilm, this methodology still remains. However, last year's response was based on using existing indexes. DOH states that it has since been discovered that current indexes cannot be used, because they include confidential information, such as adoption and legitimation data, which cannot be viewed by the public. Therefore, DOH cannot microfilm those. Instead, the department would have to rekey just that information that would be available to the public. Our assumptions are as follows: Total of copies issued were used from the monthly reports from 1999 added to a projected 25% increase per year for copies issued. In order to create the indexes of all births from 1911 to 1929, 1,294,000 records would have to be keyed. There are approximately 43 characters per record. This would make the total characters to key 55,642,000. At 5,000 keystrokes per hour this would take 11,128.4 hours to complete. We would have to pay existing staff overtime to do this at an average rate of \$17.25 per hour. This totals \$191,964.90. To microfilm the indexes would take 359.44 hours at the same rate totalling \$6,200.42. There are 43,133 pages that take about 1/2 minute per page. Microfilming death indexes would cost \$3,860.62. There are 26,856 pages at the same rate of 1/2 minute per page would take 223.8 hours. The total overtime cost for this project would be \$202,025.94, and is reflected on the General Revenue divided over the first two years, with an inflationary factor included, as well as fringe benefits. DOH state that on-going costs would be 645 hours per year to key birth indexes, 20.83 hours to microfilm birth indexes, and 13.89 hours to microfilm death indexes. Total 679.72 hours x \$17.25 per hour equals an annual ongoing cost of \$11,725. This cost is reflected in Year 3, with the appropriate inflationary factor and fringe benefits added. The (\$14,880) cost is estimated to be a loss of revenues that the local public health agencies would take in. DOH and the LPHAs have an agreement that DOH will promote and encourage the public to make certificate requests locally.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2002
(10 Mo.)

FY 2003

FY 2004

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Loss - Department of Health</u>			
Reduction in certificate fees	(\$84,000)	(\$101,052)	(\$101,305)
<u>Cost - Department of Health</u>			
Overtime	<u>(\$138,047)</u>	<u>(\$141,499)</u>	<u>(\$16,836)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$222,047)</u>	<u>(\$242,551)</u>	<u>(\$118,141)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Loss - Local Political Subdivisions</u>			
Reduction in certificate fees	<u>(\$14,880)</u>	<u>(\$14,917)</u>	<u>(\$14,991)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(\$14,880)</u>	<u>(\$14,917)</u>	<u>(\$14,991)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require the Department of Health to provide microfilms to the Missouri State Archives of all vital records that are seventy-two years old or older and the index to the records. In addition, each January, the department would be required to provide microfilm of all vital records that have turned seventy-two years old during the year and provide to the state archives an index.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Department of Social Services

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